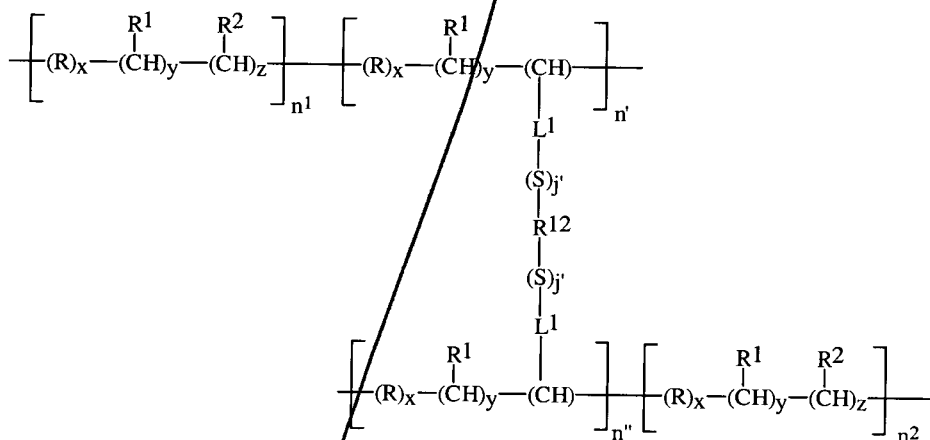


average molecular weight determined by gel permeation chromatography of from about 1,000 to about 2,000,000 daltons; x is from 0 to 6; y is 0 or 1; and z is 0 or 1.

3. (Amended) A composition according to Claim 2 wherein said zwitterionic polymeric suds stabilizer has an average molecular weight determined by gel permeation chromatography of from about 5,000 to about 1,000,000 daltons.
4. (Amended) A composition according to Claim 3 wherein said zwitterionic polymeric suds stabilizer has an average molecular weight determined by gel permeation chromatography of from about 10,000 to about 750,000 daltons.

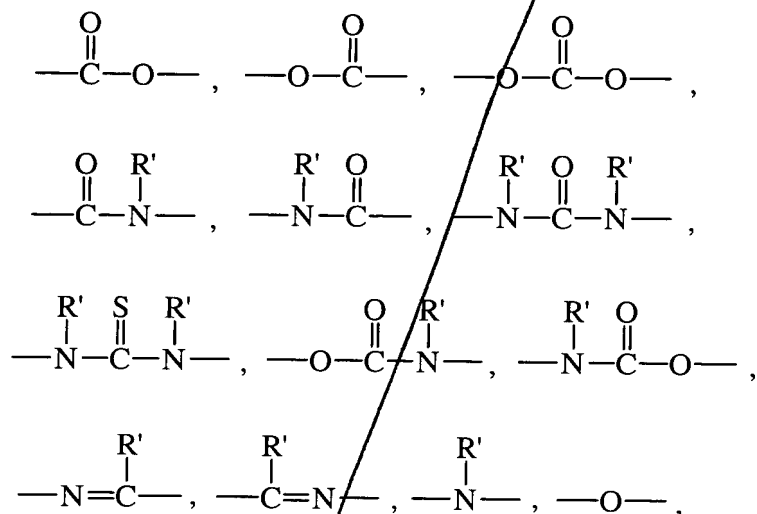
11. (Amended) A composition according to Claim 1 wherein said zwitterionic polymeric suds stabilizer has the formula:



wherein R is C₁-C₁₂ linear alkylene, C₁-C₁₂ branched alkylene, and mixtures thereof; R¹ is a unit capable of having a negative charge at a pH of from about 4 to about 12; R² is a unit capable of having a positive charge at a pH of from about 4 to about 12; C₁-C₁₂ linear alkylene amino alkylene having the formula:

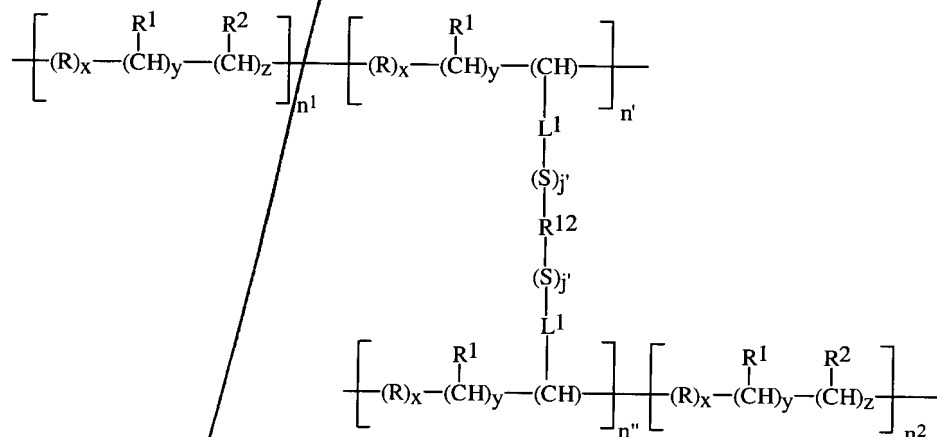


L¹, and mixtures thereof, wherein each R¹³ is independently L¹, ethylene, and mixtures thereof; each S is independently selected from C₁-C₁₂ linear alkylene, C₁-C₁₂ branched alkylene, C₃-C₁₂ linear alkenylene, C₃-C₁₂ branched alkenylene, C₃-C₁₂ hydroxyalkylene, C₄-C₁₂ dihydroxyalkylene, C₆-C₁₀ arylene, C₈-C₁₂ dialkylarylene, -(R⁵O)_kR⁵-, -(R⁵O)_kR⁶(OR⁵)_k-, -CH₂CH(OR⁷)CH₂-, and mixtures thereof; L¹ is a linking unit independently selected from the following:

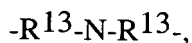


and mixtures thereof; $n^1 + n^2$ has a value such that said zwitterionic polymers suds stabilizer has an average molecular weight determined by gel permeation chromatography of from about 1,000 to about 2,000,000 daltons; n' is equal to n'' and further $n' + n''$ is less than or equal to 5% or the value $n^1 + n^2$; x is 0 to 6; y is 0 or 1; and z is 0 or 1.

14. (Amended) A composition according to Claim 1 wherein said zwitterionic polymeric suds stabilizer (a) is a zwitterionic polymeric suds stabilizer of the formula:

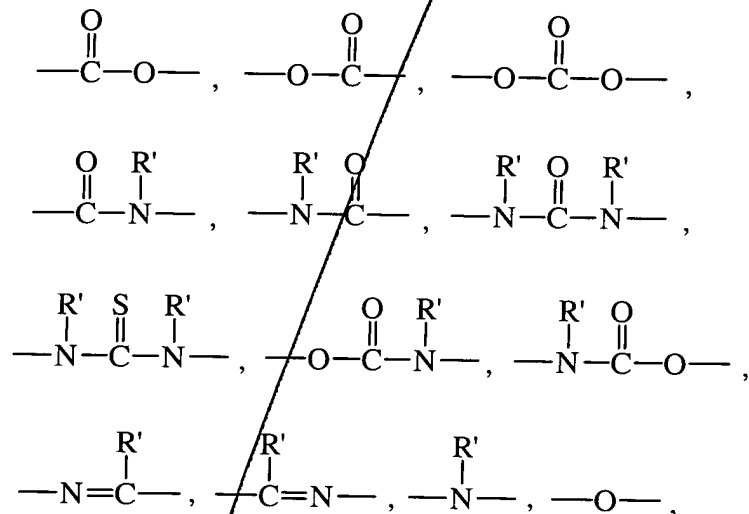


wherein R is C₁-C₁₂ linear alkylene, C₁-C₁₂ branched alkylene, and mixtures thereof; R¹ is a unit capable of having a negative charge at a pH of from about 4 to about 12; R² is a unit capable of having a positive charge at a pH of from about 4 to about 12; C₁-C₁₂ linear alkylene amino alkylene having the formula:



L¹, and mixtures thereof, wherein each R¹³ is independently L¹, ethylene, and mixtures thereof; each S is independently selected from C₁-C₁₂ linear alkylene, C₁-

C_{12} branched alkylene, C_3 - C_{12} linear alkenylene, C_3 - C_{12} branched alkenylene, C_3 - C_{12} hydroxyalkylene, C_4 - C_{12} dihydroxyalkylene, C_6 - C_{10} arylene, C_8 - C_{12} dialkylarylene, $-(R^5O)_kR^5-$, $-(R^5O)_kR^6(OR^5)_k-$, $-CH_2CH(OR^7)CH_2-$, and mixtures thereof; L^1 is a linking unit independently selected from the following:



and mixtures thereof; $n^1 + n^2$ has a value such that said zwitterionic polymers suds stabilizer has an average molecular weight determined by gel permeation chromatography of from about 1,000 to about 2,000,000 daltons; n' is equal to n'' and further $n' + n''$ is less than or equal to 5% or the value $n^1 + n^2$; x is 0 to 6; y is 0 or 1; and z is 0 or 1.

Remarks

By the present amendments, Applicants have defined the claimed invention, as claimed in Claims 2-4, 11 and 14 with greater specificity by emphasizing that the average molecular weight of the zwitterionic polymeric suds stabilizers are determined by gel permeation chromatography. Support for these amendments is found in the Specification at page 5, lines 28-29.

Applicants recognize that the Examiner has requested a clean IDS along with copies of the references not considered in the earlier IDS submission. A clean IDS and copies are included herewith.

Applicants acknowledge that the election has been treated as an election without traverse.

Claims 1-24 are pending in the present application.

Rejections Under 35 USC 112: